

council/manager style of governance. Despite the growth in population and the expanded services that come with such growth, the city has not had an increase in its property taxes in the past 14 years. This is probably one of many reasons why Roger was named the 2009 City Manager of the Year by the Tennessee City Manager Association.

As city manager, Roger has overseen the expansion of businesses, schools, and recreational opportunities that have given the residents of Murfreesboro a greater quality of life. The recent addition of the shops at the Avenue and the hospital and business and medical offices at the 400-acre Gateway are examples of such developments. Roger has worked on numerous recreation projects that residents of Murfreesboro enjoy, such as the Murfreesboro Greenway system, SportsCom, the Patterson Park Community Center, the wetlands at Murphree Springs, Murfreesboro Bark Park, and the Siegel Park and Soccer Complex.

As a life-long resident of Rutherford County, Roger has always been an active member of the community. He owned and operated several local businesses, including Murfreesboro Supply Company and Mr. Tool Rent-All. Roger was one of the organizers of First City Bank of Murfreesboro. He attended Middle Tennessee State University and served in the U.S. Army for two years in the Judge Advocate General Corps.

Roger leaves both his position and the City of Murfreesboro in top-notch shape. I've enjoyed working with him on many projects over the years. I hope Roger will enjoy the fruits of his labor, as he starts his retirement, and new time shared with friends and family.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN M. MCHUGH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2009

Mr. MCHUGH. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3082, the Fiscal Year 2010 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations bill.

Requesting Member: JOHN M. MCHUGH

Bill Number: H. R. 3082

Account: Military Construction, Army

Name of Military Installation: Fort Drum

Address of Requesting Entity: Fort Drum, New York 13601

Description: Provide an earmark of \$8,200,000 in MCA to build an All Weather Marksmanship Facility at Fort Drum, New York. Currently, Fort Drum has only one operational All Weather Marksmanship Facility. The project is required to provide year round live fire training to more efficiently support soldiers in meeting weapons proficiency and qualification standards, and minimize the amount of time required to complete training. The Light Infantry Doctrine and the missions of the 10th Mountain Division require higher than normal levels of marksmanship proficiency and fire discipline.

IN RECOGNITION OF DAVID H. DELL

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize David H. Dell of Dale City, Virginia. Mr. Dell is a retired 20-year veteran of the United States Army and an active Dale City resident.

Mr. Dell's military service began in 1959 at the age of 17. His age required that he gain parental consent to join the Army, and his father proudly granted him approval hoping it would provide his son with new opportunities. Mr. Dell worked to make the most of those opportunities. He served a long and distinguished career in the Army, receiving the Joint Service Commendation in 1973 for his service in Korea. In 1976, he received a diploma from the U.S. Army Transportation School shortly before exiting the Army with an Honorable Discharge in 1979.

Mr. Dell has long been devoted to the quality of life and sense of community in Dale City. As a member of the Dale City Volunteer Fire Department he has spent countless nights on duty, sacrificing his time and safety for the protection of his neighbors and friends. Mr. Dell is a Life Member of both the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1503 and the Dale City Civic Association. He also serves as the Staging Director of the Dale City Independence Day Parade. This year, more than 100 organizations and thousands of participants marched in the parade. Thousands of spectators watched the procession make its way through the heart of Dale City and terminate at the Fourth of July Family Fun Day. Mr. Dell's participation in civic life contributes to a robust and vibrant sense of community in Dale City.

Mr. Dell's loyalty and passion for service extend into his professional life. On May 1, 2009, Mr. Dell commemorated 20 years of service with First Transit Incorporated, contractor for the Prince William County COMMUTERIDE bus system. This is a remarkable milestone, and Mr. Dell's years in the bus system have benefited Prince William County commuters and residents.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in applauding David H. Dell's accomplishments. His service to his country and community represents the ideals we hope to instill in future generations, and by commending his accomplishments may we inspire them to follow his example.

CELEBRATING THE BRYAN-BENNETT LIBRARY CENTENNIAL

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2009

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mark the Centennial Celebration of the Bryan-Bennett Library in Salem, Illinois.

The Bryan-Bennett Library was established by Salem native William Jennings Bryan and his friend, Philo Bennett. In a letter to the mayor of Salem in 1905, Bryan stated that "the library (was) established because of my

attachment to the city of my birth and to the friends of my childhood."

William Jennings Bryan was born in 1860 in Salem, Illinois. He had a distinguished career serving as a lawyer, a member of the U.S. House of Representatives and as Secretary of State during the Wilson Administration.

Through the tribulations and successes of his professional life, William Jennings Bryan gained an appreciation for education. His desire to share that passion with his community inspired Bryan to bring a new library to Salem. With assistance from Philo Bennett, he spearheaded the construction of the Bryan-Bennett library. On June 9, 1909, William Jennings Bryan gave his "Price of a Soul" speech to dedicate the opening of the library.

The original location of the library was on South Broadway Street, the site of Bryan's childhood home. It has since been moved with the generous contributions by Joe and Anna Hale of Salem and the support of the Illinois State Library's Live and Learn Grant.

On August 15, the Bryan-Bennett Library will formally celebrate its Centennial and dedicate its new site to Joe and Anna Hale.

I would like to congratulate the citizens of Salem, Illinois and the men and women who serve at the Bryan-Bennett Library to preserve the living legacy of William Jennings Bryan.

HONORING JEFFREY C. PACK

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jeffrey C. Pack, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1692, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jeffrey has been very active with his troop participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jeffrey has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jeffrey C. Pack for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2997) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes:

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Chair, I would like to call up my amendment, made in order under the rule, to shift \$50,000 from Office of the Chief Economist at USDA to the Economic Research Service (ERS).

The goal of this amendment is to have the Office of the Chief Economist work jointly with the Economic Research Service and the Foreign Agriculture Service to conduct a study on the potential growth in U.S. agriculture exports that would result from implementation of the pending trade promotion agreements with Colombia, Panama, and South Korea within 90 days of this legislation becoming law.

Additionally, USDA would also report on the potential impact on U.S. agriculture exports if these agreements are not implemented.

In each case, USDA would analyze the impacts of changes in exports on agriculture sector employment, wages, farm income, and commodity prices.

As I am sure you know, each of these countries has signed or is negotiating trade agreements with several countries that are major competitors for U.S. farmers and ranchers. I know we are all concerned about the potential loss of competitiveness the families and workers in our agriculture sector would face if the pending trade agreements are not implemented.

Previous studies by the International Trade Commission show the benefits of these agreements. Taken together, they could increase all U.S. exports by over \$12 billion. This new study would give us an opportunity to update this information and focus specifically on the U.S. agriculture sector.

In these difficult economic times, Congress, now more than ever, must pursue policies to enhance the competitiveness of America's farmers and ranchers. Since 95 percent of all consumers are outside of the United States, increasing exports are a vital component of that effort.

The analysis conducted as a result of my amendment would help Members of Congress understand the importance of leveling the playing field for America's farmers and ranchers by implementing the pending trade agreements.

HONORING THE LIFE OF HENRY ARISTIDE "RED" BOUCHER

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Henry Aristide "Red" Boucher, 88, who died June 19, 2009. Mr. Boucher was a civic and political institution in his adopted home state of Alaska. He also was a dedicated family man with 12 children, 27 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. I became aware of Mr. Boucher through a family friendship with his daughter, Jennifer McNelly, and her family, who live in my district.

Mr. Boucher moved to Fairbanks, Alaska in 1958, after serving the United States Navy for 20 years. The New Hampshire native's move to Alaska was strongly influenced by a suggestion from a young Senator by the name of John F. Kennedy, for whom Mr. Boucher had campaigned. The future President told Mr.

Boucher, "There is great potential in the northern territory."

Just eight years after he arrived in Fairbanks, Mr. Boucher was elected mayor and held the position for four years. During his term, he guided the city through one of its greatest natural disasters, the flood of 1967. After his term as mayor, Mr. Boucher served as Alaska's lieutenant governor from 1970 to 1974 under Gov. Bill Egan. He also served as a representative in Alaska's state house from 1985 to 1990.

While his passion for politics will never be questioned, his legacy is likely to be the baseball team he founded in 1959, the Alaska Goldpanners of the Alaska Baseball League. The Goldpanners are well-known for carrying more than 200 future major league players on its rosters through the years.

Mr. Boucher also was a staunch supporter of telecommunications and led a campaign to increase Internet access in remote villages.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the memory of this great American and extending our sympathies to his family and the people of Alaska.

HONORING THE METRO-EAST LUTHERAN KNIGHTS' BASEBALL TEAM

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2009

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor one of the top high school baseball teams in Illinois.

The Metro-East Lutheran Knights of Edwardsville, Illinois, competed in the Illinois High School Association Class AA baseball state finals, and came away with a second place trophy. This year's appearance was the first visit to the state finals for the Knights in baseball, making our region proud. In the semifinals, the Knights beat a strong Morrison club, before falling in the championship to the defending state champions from Olympia.

As a former baseball coach for the Knights, I want to congratulate this year's head coach Scott Downing and assistant coaches Tom Hitt, Brian Brynildsen, Joel Rempfer and Brian Hipkiss on their great achievement. I especially want to congratulate the members of the 2009 Metro-East Lutheran Knights state runner-up squad: Brian Berry, Matt Brynildsen, TC Collins, Trevor Engelke, Nick Hoff, Chris Hoffman, Simon Hoffman, Conor Judge, Taylor Judge, Andrew Langendorf, Joe McCall, Alex Robinson, Josh Schelp, Andrew Scheumann, Isaac Schoeber, Dusty Shimkus and Jon Trampe.

These outstanding student-athletes have put together a season to be proud of, and I want to join with the other members of this House in congratulating them and wishing them well in all their endeavors, both on and off the field.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BEN RAY LUJÁN

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2009

Mr. LUJÁN. Madam Speaker, due to scheduling conflicts, I was unable to be present for

rollcall Vote No. 488. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

IN RECOGNITION OF THE KOREAN WAR

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2009

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, as we recognize the fifty-ninth anniversary of the Korean War, it is fitting that we have a renewed appreciation for the courage of the American military. This was a conflict initiated by a surprise attack from North Korea mercilessly against the people of South Korea. Throughout the war, American servicemen and women resisted North Korean attacks and provided security for the people of South Korea. This has enabled that nation to become one of the world's most successful economies with a dynamic democratic form of government. They are a model for our allies in Iraq and Afghanistan which shows that from the ashes of war a thriving civil society can emerge.

Poet Albert Carey Caswell, an appreciated Capitol tour guide, has authored the following poetic tribute for America's military:

THE KOREAN WAR

The Korean War . . .
Was but the one for sure . . .
One hell of a fight, all the more!
Where, brave hearts of America so for sure . . .
Would so bring their light to insure . . .
That Communism could not endure . . .
A time when the world, would test that dream . . .
Of the United Nation, as now it all so clearly seems!
From all across America's shores . . .
As came such fine brave hearts, who would somehow endure . . .
But, the very face of hell . . . whose fine hearts so chose to swell . . .
All for our freedom to insure!
From The Frozen Chosen, to Pork Chop hill . . .
Such brave hearts, of iron wills!
MacArthur's Men of Might, who but bore that fight . . .
Who so heroically upon those deadly hills burned bright!
As just when things looked far gone,
But came that surprising landing at Inchon!
For America had Seoul . . .
The kind that we must so teach our children, in hearts to so hold!
All in hearts of honor which soar . . .
All in America's quest, to freedom to so insure . . .
As all throughout the centuries,
Have such magnificents, so bought our peace!
The one's who have so lived and died . . .
Whose loved ones were left behind to cry!
Who fought in one of the most bloodiest wars . . .
Fine patriots, who so heroically headed north!
With Communist on the march, as cried these boys . . .
Men of honor, "not on my watch" were heard their voices . . .
Cold is Cold, for there could be no colder days in hell of course . . .
All in what this war would spell . . .
And 'Oh what heartache and misery . . .
For all of these finest of all souls, would be . . .